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ONE SOLID WEEK
Commencing MARCH 19

JRNED IN AS EXPLOSION

. Spiegelberg Painfully Burned Yesterday Morning.--Disastrous Blaze Narrowly Averted.

. Spiegleberg, a well known resi- of town, was badly burned by an sion of gas yesterday morning, came near resulting in a serious Spiegleberg, who owns the brick at the corner of Fourth and Schoonavenue, was called in Sunday ng by Mrs. David Rawson, who ier husband occupies one of the l floor flats, to adjust a chandelier had been accidentally loosened. gelberg removed the chandelier he intention of placing a cap, but the operation, considerable gas caped and when he attempted to for a possible leak, the explosion ed.

Spiegelberg was painfully burned the face and hands and it will be me before he will fully recover. Lawson, who was also in the room time, fortunately escaped injury e manner.

fire department responded to an which was sent in, but the fire en extinguished before it arrived. rtains and such inflamable mater- as hanging in reach of the flames ore or less burned and scorched t for the heroic action of Mrs. , a disastrous fire may have re

s reported today that Mr. Spiegel- is resting easily and that no seriousits are looked for.

DANCE BIG SUCCESS.

en Social Club event well Attended.

lance in Kelly's hall last Saturday given by the Monessen Social club of the most successful affairs this The event was well attended couples being present. Green orchestra furnished the music. was continued until 12 o'clock returned to their homes fully with their evenings entertain- The club will likely hold another the near future.

Suit for Damages.

ase of John O'Brien against the ahela Valley Electric Co. comes rensburg court today. O'Brien ly burned last April by a defect- h, which necessitated the ampu- two fingers on the right hand also stated that the hand was so rned that it is practically useless. ident happened at the Victoria here he was then employed.

uneral Largely Attended.

uneral of the late Wm. Lamont e today, services in charge of Rev. lder in the Presbyterian Church large crowd of friends gathered eir last respects. The remains en on the 1:25 train to Monongawhere interment was made in ongahela cemetery.

Died.

ohn Kiefer, of Steubenville, O., 15 a. m. Sunday. Deceased is -law of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias the Park hotel. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at in St Mary's Roman Catholic t McKeesport.

ot Verdict of $10,061

as been received from Greensthe jury in the case of Dr. against Rostraver Twp. had a verdict in favor of the plaintiff amounting to $10,061.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Wm. White was a Roscoe visitor yesterday.

Sick Room requisites at LIGHT'S.

Earl Shepler was a Webster visitor yesterday.

When you need drugs you need them right.—LIGHT.

Elmer Pyle visited Pittsburg friends over Sunday.

Take your prescription to LIGHT LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

George Dias spent Sunday with friends in Pittsburg.

Light's Drug Store caters to the family needs.—LIGHT'S.

John Beail, Jr. is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

The beautiful skin is the healthful skin. Kirk's Carnation Cream makes your skin soft and smooth and healthy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sheets are shopping in Pittsburg today.

Get a pound of 60c candy for 40c at LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

A. McMahon was a passenger on the early train to Pittsburg.

Buy your plaster, cement, sand and gravel from the Peoples Lumber Co. tf

Harry Hutton was visiting friends in Pittsburg over Sunday.

Rubber roofing a specialty. our brands guaranteed—The Peoples Lumber Co. ft

Earl Shutterly was calling on Monongahela friends yesterday.

Dr. Barben, Dentist — Gold, crown and bridge work a specialty.

Col. C. M. Derickson is transacting business in Pittsburg today.

If you are particular about the medicine you take when you are sick, better let us furnish them Kirk's Drug Store

Dr and Mrs. F. P. Cook spent Sunday with friends at McKeesport.

Toilet articles are a specialty with us—LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Geo Myford and Wm. Herron are in Greensburg today on business.

Candy Goodness—The Apollo Chocolates at Kirk's.

Geo. Dean has accepted a position with the American Express Co , as driver.

Candy Goodness—The Apollo chocolates at Kirk's.

What a town Monessen is getting to be. Not an arrest all day Saturday and Sunday.

Life like portraits painted in oil, any size, durable and cheap. A. Davenport, 301 Sixth street.

W. F. Triggs spent Sunday in town with his family, returning to Pittsburg this morning

Ache Destroyer—Thats Red Oil Liniment at Kirk's Drug Store.

Miss Nora Gillingham and Miss Mazie Connely of Lock 4, were visiting friends in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodmen are the happy parents of a dimpled little baby girl which arrived last night.

The High School pupils were dismissed at 11 o'clock today, in order to enable them to attend the funeral services of Wm. Lamont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Beery and Mrs. Chas. Rogers have returned home to Romney W. Va., after a few weeks visit spent with relatives here.

Rev. McCloud, of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, of Pittsburg, filled the pulpit at the First Presbyterian Church in the absence of the pastor Rev. R. S. Calder, yesterday.

Pitt Parker, the celebrated humorist and crayon wizzard at the Presbyterian church this evening. Don't forget to go A particularly fine entertainment assured all who attend. Admission 25c.

Mi-o-na is the only remedy for stomach troubles which Miller's Pharmacy guarantees will cure or cost nothing. 50c a box.

WILL OPEN NEW STORE.

Sutcliffe & Cartwright Will Open China Store.--Formal Opening Tonight.

The new china store on Donner avenue under the proprietorship of Messrs. Sutcliffe & Cartwright will be formally opened to the public this evening. Every lady present will be given a handsome china souvenir.

The opening of this new establishment in our bustling city, fills a long felt want. The fact that the firm has for years manufactured their own goods and their long experience having gained for them a perfect knowledge of every detail of the business, assure for the Monessen public every advantage obtained heretofore in the largest stores of its kind in the city.

The new store will carry an immense stock of china ware of every description No better nor more complete line from which to make selection is shown in any store in Pitteburg. The fact of their manufcaturing their own goods, places them in a position to name prices practically out of the reach of competition.

The new store will in fact be up-to-date in every particular and is very prettily and tastefully arranged. Mr. Sutcliffe, formerly of East Liverpool, Ohio will give the local branch his personal attention and will be assisted by Miss Gertrude Meyers and Miss Gertrude Rainey. Every courtesy will be extended patrons and all are cordially invited to be present and to call at any time and inspect the new designs in decorated china.

CORNELL STOCK COMPANY.

At The Opera House All This Week. "The Princess of Patches" tonight.

The newest and possibly the most pretentious of recent productions given by a repertoire company. will be presented at the opera house tonight when "The Princess of Patches" will be seen here for the first time. "The Princess of Patches" is what might be termed a dividing line between melodrama and domestic comedy embracing the redeeming features of each of these forms of entertainment. The main point of the production however is its true atmosphere and real characters. The action takes place in the south while the principle character a young girl stolen in her youth and brought up ignorant of her parentage. Fanny Bromidge as "The Princess of Patches" has attributed a character new to the stage and has been received anywhere as a theatrical delight and surprise. In addition to the play, six big specialties will be given the best ever seen at popular prices. The sale for tonight has been large but some good seats may stil be had at half price if secured before 6 p. m.

Letter to J. G. Staudenmeyer

Monessen, Pa.

Dear Sir If you paint two houses alike with two different paints, and one takes twice as much paint as the other, you know which paint to buy after that—so far as go far goes—don't you?

One of these paints is Devoe; the other is any average paint. The worst are worse than that, the better are not much better; no other paint than Devoe is anywhere near Devoe in go far. Devoe is go furtner; the rest are go-short go-middling and go three-quarters.

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Wonders of Baalbec.

Baalbec, or Baalbek, is the name given a ruined city lying in ancient Coele-Syria, forty-five miles northwest of Damascus. There is nothing particularly remarkable about a ruined city being found in the locality mentioned, but the size of the blocks of stone used by the ancient builders of this particular city is something that has puzzled the modern engineers since the day when Baalbec was first made the Mecca of the oriental traveler. There are immense stones on every side of the visitor to this ancient pile of ruins, but the three most remarkable blocks—said to be the largest ever used in the construction of a building—are in a wall back of the temple of Baal. These immense stones are respectively sixty-four, sixty-three and sixty-two feet in length and each is thirteen feet in thickness, but the most wonderful thing in connection with them is the fact that they are at a place in the wall twenty-five feet from the ground. How these immense blocks of granite were ever raised to such a height is a question that has never yet been answered.

Silenced Him.

A Kansas City woman tells this story on her husband to demonstrate the inferiority of the masculine mind. One morning as her husband was sitting down to the breakfast table he glanced at the dining room clock and said, "We must be later than usual this morning." "Don't place too much confidence in that clock. It stopped at 5 o'clock this morning, and I just set it going by guess," replied the good wife.

"Were you up at 5 o'clock?" asked the husband.

"Of course not."

"What time did you say the clock stopped?"

"At 5."

"If you weren't up at 5," replied the man, with a puzzled look, "how in thunder do you know when the clock stopped?"

"Why, dear, it stayed stopped," was the reply. The man did not say another word that morning.—Kansas City Times.

Dangers of Cocaine.

Cocaine, an alkaloid of cocoa leaves, was discovered in 1859, but remained in comparative obscurity until 1884. In minute doses, whether taken internally or used as a spray on mucous surfaces, its effect is wonderfully exhilarating, reducing for a time the fresh and buoyant sensations of youth and perfect health, that have apparently no unpleasant reaction, and therein lies the explanation of the subtle and irresistible power it quickly acquires over its victims, carrying them to the very brink of destruction before they have dreamed of danger. Being a cumulative poison, the first warning symptom does not appear until the fatal chains are riveted that shall drag them, horror stricken and powerless of resistance, over the precipice to complete mental, moral and physical ruin.

Foreign Flags in America.

The first flag to float over American soil was the royal standard of Isabella, blazoned with the arms of Castile and Leon. A white flag with a green cross was its companion. Some years later Columbus landed at San Salvador the Cabots planted the banner of England and of St. Mark of Venice on the eastern shore of North America. In the centuries that have intervened since a variety of national flags have waved where now only the stars and stripes is the accepted emblem. Over Texas have floated the French, Spanish, English, American and Confederate; in Louisiana the lilies of France, the Spanish flag, the tricolor, the American and Confederate flags; in California the Spanish, Mexican, Russian and American.

The Cocoanut.

The cocoanut tree is the most useful of all plants in the tropical region. Its seed furnishes food and an intoxicating drink. The shell gives drinking cups and vessels and a hard material capable of a high polish, from which personal ornaments may be manufactured. The trunk furnishes wood for dwellings and boats. The leaves make clothing, cordage and ropes. The fibers of the bark and of the nut afford matting and carpets. The buds furnish a succulent vegetable, and from the trunk a palatable liquor is drawn by making an incision.

As Good As Married.

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THE GHOST OF A CHANCE

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

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"Everybody else is going," Selina said, with a sigh. "Oh, dear! I wonder why we have to skip all the good times."

"It is in punishment for our uncommitted sins," Bess answered, with a toss of the head. "All our sins must be uncommitted. I'm sure we've been brought up more strictly than ever nuns were. Sometimes when I think over it all I get fairly afraid for us two. We've been so proper from our cradles—we must break out after awhile."

"Hush! Aunt Wilton would have a fit if she heard you," Selina said. "Do you think she was ever young, Bess? I can't fancy her less than sixty and severe, yet I do believe she means only to be kind and really wants us to be happy."

"Yes, in her way, which isn't mine nor anybody else's," Bess broke out passionately. "Her way is to have everything just so 365 days in the year. We have all sorts of material good things—we eat well, sleep well, dress well—but no liberty to get the good of them. How many times did we wear our best frocks last summer? Not once! And it's going to be the same this season. People never ask us to things any more because they know we won't come."

"I don't mind that so much as the flowers. Shouldn't you like, just once, to run riot in the garden, pulling whatever you liked?"

"You heretic! Aunt Wilton would have serious doubts as to your sanity if she heard that. I think she loves flowers, not because they are flowers and beautiful, but because they are her own"—

"The same as her nieces," a deeper voice said from an ambush of lilac hedge. Next minute the hedge shook violently. It was old and gnarly, being a party hedge and therefore beyond Wilton control. The end of the shakings was a young man, slim and merry eyed, who bowed very low to the two young women, then said deprecatingly: "Don't freeze me because I eavesdropped. I know how bad it is, but really this time the end justifies it. I'm a committee of one, self appointed, to find out just why the nicest girls in town stay out of everything."

"Will you listen?" Bess adjured Selina, whose eyes were dancing, though her face was preternaturally grave as she answered. "Everybody overlooks Joe Hartwell's fibs because he fibs so nicely."

Hartwell laughed. His father being Aunt Wilton's lawyer, he knew the Ford girls, Aunt Wilton's nieces, better than anybody in Caswell town. It was a knowledge that ran back to the mud pie period, although the Fords know no more of mud pies and their making than could be gathered from watching him enviously through crannies of the hedge.

Now, for two years he had been wondering how they had escaped their bringing up. Selina, he was sure, was full of mad longings for life and freedom. About Bess he was not so sure. She sang and laughed like a human sunbeam—sang and laughed herself into the deepest depths of his heart. Therefore he resented bitterly her isolation. The sisters would some day inherit Aunt Wilton's more than comfortable fortune. It galled him to think that people would say Bess had married him through lack of other lovers; maybe also that his father had encouraged his client to keep her heiresses so secluded out of regard for the interests of his son. Beyond all that, though, was the rebellion against thus winning by default. How could Bess be sure she really loved him when she had had no chance of measuring him against other lovers?

It was with a hope of giving her that chance he had asked his cham, Dennison, for a month's visit. Dennison was handsome, witty and winning. His coming, duly advertised, had set social Caswell all a-flutter. There were already things planned for all the first fortnight. Selina and Bess had been discussing the most spectacular of them, the lawn party at the old Vernon place. It was to come off by moonlight, aided and abetted by Japanese lanterns. There would be dancing of course, and supper in the big hall of the deserted mansion. Everybody was to go in costume and masked. Except for that, Selina and Bess might have had faint hopes. But Aunt Wilton's face was flint toward masking. It savored to her so much of acting and the theater.

If Hartwell had known that—but speculation is idle. He looked blank indeed when Selina let him see how the land lay. "And I got it up mostly so you might dance your fill," he said sorrowfully. "How I wish I could wash the slate clean and begin all over! Such a great lark I hoped we might have, and now to think"—

"Such a great lark we will have!" cried Bess, springing up and whirling about in front of the garden bench. Hartwell stared at her. Selina looked puzzled. Bess stopped short in her dancing to put her finger on her lip and say, nodding sagely between the words: "Promise not to faint when you see us, Joe. I think we're coming, though we have just the ghost of a chance."

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The lawn party had to take its full moon on trust. So many clouds sailed in the sky the lantern lights shone all undimmed. The thick, lowery night kept the crowd close about the house. It was big and substantial, and, if the worst came to the shape of rain, dancing could go on inside. True, a few nervous persons said that would hardly do. Of course it was all idle talk. None the less there had been talk of a Vernon ghost.

Two ghosts indeed—those of the Vernon twin sisters, who had loved the same sweetheart and had refused to marry him out of regard for the other. They had lived to a great age, fading and falling at last like withered roses there in the family mansion. They had been dead twenty years, with none but good words to follow them. If they did not sleep peacefully in their sunny graves, then were pure lives and good deeds vain. Notwithstanding there was the talk, now one, now another, glimpsed them walking hand in hand up the broad stairway or flitting at dusk through the overgrown rose garden.

Dennison heard all this avidly. He liked whatever was old world and unusual. Perhaps that was why, when the rain at last sent everybody scurrying within, he drew a little apart from the merrymakers and stood staring up the dim vista of the great stairway. And thus he was the first to see twin wraiths, slim and girlish, floating rather than walking, glide out of the upper dusk and, linking arms, fall into the swing of a waltz. They were all in vaporous white—swirls of it covered them from head to foot. They kept perfect time and moved so in unison it was like the rhythm of one soul rather than two.

Dennison felt his heart beat faster. All the rest had accepted the veiled dancers as but new come maskers. He nodded toward them, saying in Hartwell's ear: "Don't you hate monopoly? Let's break that one up."

Then in hurried whispers he told what he had seen. Hartwell suppressed a whistle, then said with a quick breath: "I'll go you. Take the taller one"—

"No; I'm going to dance with the other. Ghostlike masqueraders don't demand formal presentation." Dennison whispered back as he shot out to intercept the whirling visions. In a wink he had his chosen one fast, and Hartwell perforce took the other. Together they made the round of the long hall—not once, but many times, the ghost dancers moving so lightly they did not even breathe more quickly, although their mortal partners at last were panting.

"How did you think of it? How dared you do it?" Hartwell asked as he whirled and wheeled. The wraith in his arms answered evenly: "We've been doing it this long time. It was a sort of outlet. Selina first thought of it after we had found the lost key to the l gat but she never would have had the courage to do it if I had not egged her on. She wouldn't dare be here tonight if I had let her think. We have always gone home before 9 o'clock and climbed in by the library window. This time we shall have to be ghosts until morning. We can get in on the heels of the milkman, and of course we shall run away before unmasking time. What would Aunt Wilton say if anybody told her we had been here?"

"Probably disinherit you. I should like that," Hartwell returned. "Then you wouldn't think, you couldn't, I am fortune hunting when I say I love you"—

What more he might have said nobody knows. Just then there came wild cries of fire and after them general panic. Despite the pouring rain, helped by the raging wind, the old house burned like tinder. Hartwell had for a moment left Bess. When he looked for her he saw two vapory creatures fleeing up the stairway.

Bess and Selina, madly bent on avoiding discovery, meant to vanish that way and escape up the back stairs by which they had come. A wall of flame blocked them. As they ran back from it they heard a shout: "Stand still! We are coming!" Then, up the long main stair, came Hartwell and Dennison, to rush down half a minute later through licking flames, each with a girl's inanimate figure crushed against his breast.

Right there was settled the question of a double wedding. Even Aunt Wilton insisted on it. Her nieces, she said, needed stronger guardians. Both matches have turned out to be ideal, so much so that Hartwell and Dennison say they shudder to think they gained such happiness by barely the ghost of a chance.

Shopping in Shanghai.

It must be lots of fun to go shopping in China. Here is the Shanghai Times, for example, with a dry goods advertisement that is well calculated to make any frequenter of the bargain counter wild to rush into action. It tells how various kinds of goods are going to be sold at sacrifice prices. You can understand in a minute that this particular store must have been swamped with custom when the Chinese bargain hunters read about the things that were marked way down.

Among the shirtings we notice the following varieties of attractive goods: Gold sun, Sing Sing soldier man, five sister, nine old man, eighteen student, painted three ladies, Chin Chin New Year, red emperor's birthday, brave soldier, blue four sister. Two squirrels jeans were going at an awful sacrifice. As for white goods, look at this list: Painted Buddha, painted grandfather, red double lighthouse, green three student. Black goods were offered at prices that would simply compel you to buy some of these: Three rabbit, joss birthday, Tin Chan's marriage, two war hammer, stag and monkey, teacher son, autumn festival, flower basket.

It just shows what bargains may be picked up if one will only keep one's eyes open.—Minneapolis Journal.

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One would think the Laxative idea in a cough syrup should have been advanced long before it was. It seems the only rational remedy for Coughs and Colds would be to move the bowels and clean the mucous membranes of the throat and lungs at the same time. Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar does this. It is the Original Laxative Coughs, Colds, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. Tastes good and is harmless.—Sold by R. W. Beck.

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WEBSTER NOTES.

E. S. Sarver spent Sunday with friends in Charleroi.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor are transacting business in Pittsburg today.

G. M. Snyder, the station agent, was visiting his sister at Tarantum over Sunday

Dr. Bricker has changed his boarding house and is now stopping with his brother J. Bricker.

Miss Hattie Clarwson and Miss Doro Simmons were shopping in Monessen the latter part of last week.

Rev. Judson Jeffries returned from Clariton this morning he having filled the pulpit at the M. E Church there yesterday.

Mrs Oleana Smith has returned home after a two weeks visit spent with her son H. R. Smith, cashier of the First National Bank.

James Bailey, Supt. of the Bould Mines who for the past week has been ill of La Grippe, has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties

The funeral of Mrs. Willard Allen took place today at 2 o'clock the services at the late residence in charge of Rev. Judson Jeffries. Interment was made in Belle Vernon cemetery.

The number of La Grippe cases in town already large and if the present weather conditions continue an alarming increase can be looked for. Measles are also making their appearance and a number of new cases have been reported in the last few days.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between J. Menefee and R. E Shibler, both of the Borough of Mofiessen, County of Westmoreland, State of Pennsylvania, under the firm name of Menefee & Shibler, has, this day, March 1st, A. D. 1906, been dissolved by mutual consent, the said J Menefee retiring from said firm, and the said R. E Shibler will hereinafter conduct said business, that of a pool room. All accounts owing to the said partnership are to be received by the said R. E. Shibler, and all debts owing by said partnership are to be presented to the said R. E. Shibler for papment at the old place of business on Fifth street.

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When Watches Were New.

At first the watch was about the size of a dessert plate. It had weights and was used as a "pocket clock." The earliest known use of the modern name occurs in the record of 1552, which mentions that Edward VI had "one larum or watch of iron, the case being likewise of iron gilt, with two plummets of lead." The first watches may readily be supposed to have been of rude execution. The first great improvement, the substitution of springs for weights, was in 1500. The earliest springs were not coiled, but only straight pieces of steel. Early watches had only one hand, and, being wound up twice a day, they could not be expected to keep time nearer than fifteen or twenty minutes in the twelve hours. The dials were of silver or brass. The cases had no crystals, but opened at the back and front and were four or five inches in diameter. A plain watch cost the equivalent of $1,600 in our currency, and after one was ordered it took a year to make it.

Trolling For Tarpon.

It is not easy to hook a tarpon while trolling, for his mouth is very hard, says Julian A. Dimock in Country Life In America and much skill may doubtless here be shown. In the playing of the fish the work is about the same as in still fishing save that more care must be used, as the hook is probably not firmly imbedded. An old fisherman told me that he liked to be sure of his fish and so preferred still fishing but to my mind it is one of the objections to that method. Another and stronger objection is the disturbance of my feelings in thinking that I am pulling against a fish's "in'ards." If the line does break the chance of the victim's being able to free himself by the hook is problematical, while in trolling it is the work of a minute after the strain is off the line until a sore mouth is the only symptom remaining.

The Greek Symposium.

The Greek symposium was literally "drinking together," but before the drinking fully began there was a banquet, more or less elaborate, as the wealth and taste of the host might dictate. The guests came in their best. Even old Socrates, Plato tells us in his "Dialogue" on the subject, was not above taking a little extra pains when he was invited out. Some one met him one day in the market place, "fresh from the bath and sandaled," and as the sight of the sandals was unusual, he asked him whither he was going that he was so fine. "To a banquet at Agathon's," he replied, "and I have put on my finery because he is a fine creature. What say you to going with me unbidden?"

EARLY CREEK HISTORY.

In the Time of Cortes the Tribe Life Was Idyllic.

The Creeks are an entirely different race of people from the Cherokees and other northern Indians. They are of Aztec, or, rather Toltec, origin, and in a teocallis, or pyramidal, temple, located in a secluded wild of the Creek country, the same religious rites and ceremonies are performed today that were performed in the imposing teocallis located on the bank of the beautiful Lake Tezcuco, in the days of the ill starred Montezuma II. The archives of the nation are here preserved in hieroglyphics, beautifully painted on shells, strung together on deer tendons. Here are also preserved their most cherished relics, their green jasper altar and a life sized image of their great war god, both brought from their former home near Vera Cruz, Mexico.

At the time Cortes made his appearance in that neighborhood, bent upon a career of conquest and plunder, the Creeks, as they are now called, were living a peaceful, idyllic life in a land made sacred to them by having been the home of their ancestors for untold thousands of moons and containing the ashes and bones of their wise and loved old men through many generations. Gathering their warriors together, they gave battle to the invaders, but weapons of stone and flint could make but little impression upon the steel clad warriors of Spain, and they were defeated with terrible slaughter. Gathering wives and little ones together and taking with them their most cherished possessions, among which were the records of their race, the jasper altar and their war god, holding in his extended right hand the sacrificial knife of flint, they made their weary way to the capital of Montezuma, the sacred city of Mexico, where they were warmly welcomed by that unfortunate monarch and where they fought bravely in defense of the devoted city. They assisted Gautomazin, the chivalric nephew of Montezuma, in his glorious, if ill fated, attempt to regain the throne of his ancestors, and upon its failure and the attendant death of that young chieftain by torture, after the manner of the ancient Israelites, they determined to seek a land that man knew not, where they might provide homes for their families and worship the gods of their ancestors.—Exchange.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The man who loves his joke is usually unpopular.

Put yourself in the other man's place and you may stop abusing him.

It is commendable to save your money, but it is not commendable to look it.

We worry as if we had to go through a whole year tomorrow instead of just one day.

The cares and worries of life look pretty good, after all to those returning to town through the cemetery gate.

When a soldier returns from a battle his story of the fight is more interesting and less truthful if he returns alone.

Of course friends are a good thing, but when misfortune comes to you which do you wish you had more of—friends or dollars?—Atchison Globe.

Cold Feet.

Never go to bed with cold feet; never try to sleep without being perfectly certain that you will be able to keep them warm. To lie one night with cold feet gives such a strain to the system as will be felt seriously, perhaps ending in a fit of sickness. Cold feet show an unbalanced circulation. The very best thing to do is to warm them by exercise, if that be practicable; if not, by dipping them in hot and cold water alternately two or three times and then using vigorous friction. If that does not warm them and keep them warm, heat them before the fire, drying them thoroughly, and then correct your habits or improve your health, for be sure that one or the other is wrong, perhaps both.

Washington Irving.

A house in William street, New York, was Irving's birthplace on April 3, 1783. The British were soon to evacuate the city and Washington to take possession of it. Mrs. Irving, a warm hearted woman of English birth and an ardent patriot of the new land, said, "Washington's work is ended, and the child shall be named after him." The child — still in the care of a Scotch nurse when one day she saw the president, as Washington then was, enter a shop, and after him she went. "Please, your honor," said she, "here's a bairn was named after you." The president laid his hand on the boy's head and gave him a blessing, which he never forgot.

A Jewel of a Wife.

The minister's wife had an unwelcome visitor in a very talkative scandal monger, so the minister went out for a stroll. Returning half an hour later, he called out, "That old cat gone, I suppose?" "Yes," said his wife, who had still her guest talking to her, "I sent it home in a basket, my dear, this morning." What do you think of that for presence of mind and absence of cat?—Christian Life

What Will Happen to It.

"That dimsily constructed public building is a scandal!" exclaimed the patriot.

"Never mind," answered Mr. Degraft soothingly; "it'll soon blow over."—Washington Star.

Thankful For Small Mercies.

A man lost a leg in a railway accident, and when they picked him up the first word he said was, "Thank the Lord, it was the leg with the rheumatism in it."—Atlanta Constitution.

Fine Poultry.

The demand for better poultry was never so great as at present. The people can look back only a few years to see the steady advancement of the present poultry. Where was the 285 egg per year hen ten or fifteen years ago? There were none. Today they are getting to be a common saying. A hen nowadays that does not lay 175 to 200 eggs a year is not considered a good leyer.

There are, of course, today, breeds that are bred for fancy alone. These breeds are not what the farmer wants, or any one else wants, only those that keep fowls for pleasure. The most profitable fowls are the Single Comb Black Minorcas and the White Plymouth Rocks, for the reason that in the Minorca you have a fowl that laye the largest egg of all fowls, and they themselves are very large, cocks weighing 10 pounds and hens 8 pounds.

There are other breeds that lay about as many eggs as do the Minorcas, but they themselves weigh only 8 to 8½ pounds, which in the market cannot bring as much as one weighing twice as much. Then comes their beauty—they are very stylish and anyone owning a hen of this beautiful specimen, can, with pride, escort a caller through his yards, where, if only a common stock are kept, he has nothing of interest to show.

Now, why should we prefer the White Rocks? Because as a table fowl they have no peer, very large, yellow, juicy and tender, the finest roosters on earth, hens weigh as much as 9 pounds, cock 12 pounds. Of course you cannot expect them all to come in these figures, about the general run in hens being 8 pounds and cocks 9 and 10 pounds. They, like the Minorcas, are of solid color, being snow white, with nice bright red face, combs and wattles, beautiful yellow legs, short and thick, the cock being a masterly bird. The feathers, so white and fine, sell same as goose feathers.

Any town lot is large enough to keep a pen of these birds, as a very low fence will keep them in. They are well adapted to confinement and anyone fortunate enough to have a piece of ground 20x20 can keep both varieties, as side by side, the contrast is most beautiful, one pure black, the other snowy white. You can put up a small house, say 16 one way, 6 the other, put three partitions across with wire netting, which gives you four pens, 6x4. Two of these pens give to each variety. One is used for roosting, the other as a scratching pen. You can arrange the nests and roosts to suit your own taste. These fowls are no harder to rear than common stock and when you sell a dozen eggs you get at least $3.00. Remember and get the best and we know of no better place to get your foundation stock than from MR. C. H. SNYDER, WEBSTER, PA. He certainly has the finest stock money can buy.

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The Nightshade.

The deadly nightshade in Italy and Spain is the emblem of falsehood. It is probable that the poisonous character of the plant had something to do with the symbolism.

He Misunderstood.

Mr. Simpson—Sam, is it true that you confiscate your neighbors' chickens? Sam—No, sah; I fricazees 'em.

Be sure no man was ever discontented with the world who did his duty in it.—Southey.

TWO ALPHABET LETTERS.

"J" and "W" Comparatively Recent Additions to the List.

It is a fact, not so well known but that it may be said to be curious, that the letters j and w are modern additions to our alphabet. The letter j only came into general use during the time of the commonwealth, say between 1649 and 1658. From 1639 to 1646 its use is exceedingly rare, and I have never yet seen a book printed prior to 1632 in which it appeared.

In the century immediately preceding the seventeenth it became the fashion to tail the last i when Roman numerals were used, as in this example viii for 8 or xij in place of 12. This fashion still lingers, but only in physicians' prescriptions, I believe. Where the French use j it has the power of s as we use it in the word "vision." What nation was the first to use it as a new letter is an interesting but perhaps unanswerable query.

In a like manner the printers and language makers of the latter part of the sixteenth century began to recognize the fact that there was a sound in spoken English which was without a representative in the shape of an alphabetical sign or character, as in the first sound in the word "wet."

Prior to that time it had always been spelled as "vet," the v having the long sound of u or of two u's together. In order to convey an idea of the new sound they began to spell such words as "wet," "weather," "web," etc., with two u's, and as the u of that date was a typical v the three words above looked like this: "Vvet," "vveather," "vveb."

After awhile the typefounders recognized the fact that the double u had come to stay, so they joined the two u's together and made the character now so well known as w. I have one book in which three forms of the w are given. The first is an old double v (vv); the next is one in which the last stroke of the first v crosses the first stroke of the second, and the third is the common w we use today. —New York News.

GREAT VOYAGERS.

As a General Rule, They Came From the Smaller Countries.

Portugal is a small country, with a land area one-third less than the state of New York, but it has turned out in its time celebrated navigators. Cabral and Da Souza among them.

It is a somewhat peculiar circumstance in the history of ocean navigation that the chief navigators of Europe have usually been natives of minor kingdoms and without the advantages which would naturally accrue to a representative of one of the larger governments.

Christopher Columbus, as every schoolboy knows, was a native of Genoa at the time when the Italian peninsula was subdivided among numerous petty governments. John Cabot was a Venetian, who sailed in the service of England, as Columbus had sailed in the service of Spain. Amerigo Vespucci was a Florentine, who sailed originally in the service of Spain and afterward transferred himself to the Portuguese service and then went back to the Spanish service for a second time.

Vitus Bering, after whom Bering strait was called, was a Dane by birth, who served under the naval flag of Russia. Magellan, after whom Magellan strait was named, was a native of Alemtejo, in Portugal, and was the first to complete the circumnavigation of the globe, in 1522.

Verazzani was a Florentine, whose voyages of discovery were undertaken under the protection of the flag of France. Hendrik Hudson was an Englishman, and it seems surprising to many persons in this day familiar with the pre-eminence of England as a maritime nation that he should have been in the service of the government of Holland when he discovered Manhattan Island.

Bottles.

Ancient bottles of glass, stone and metal have been found in many parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. Perfume bottles of glass have been discovered in great numbers in the tombs of wealthy ladies of Egypt. Many bottles, tumblers and other drinking vessels have been dug from the ruins of Pompeii. The most common bottle of the ancients, however, was of leather, the skin of a calf, goat or ox being taken off the carcass with as few cuts as possible and made into a receptacle for holding water or wine. The largest glass bottle ever blown was made at Leith, in Scotland, in 1747-48. Its capacity was two hogsheads.

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"Yes; the firm told me I would have to quit."

"What reason was given?"

"I smoked cigarettes."

"Why, that seems hardly a sufficient reason for such drastic action."

"Yes, but I was smoking the boss' cigarettes, and he caught me at it."—Judge.

Matrimonial.

Three Germans were sitting at luncheon recently and were overheard discussing the second marriage of a mutual friend when one of them remarked: "I'll tell you what. A man what marries de second time don't deserve to have lost his first vife."—Life.

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